Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—The same question may be asked about 45 or even 40.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—Are the Government aware that many had to discontinue the studies and many were not able to send boys to the school on account of inconvenience caused?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—The Government have no information as to the number discontinued. Where there was a fit case for opening a new division based upon the distance of the neighbouring school Government have not shown any reluctance to open a division. It does not mean that every such request has been sanctioned.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir, whether the efficiency of teaching will not suffer because of the rule of 50?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—That is a very wide question. There are schools in advanced countries like England where there is no question of finance, where the strength is above 50 where the statutory limit is above 50. In the L. C. C. schools the strength is 60. It depends upon so many factors.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Considerations being had to the conditions obtained in Cochin may I know whether the interests of efficiency have suffered as a result of insisting upon the rule of 50 pupils in one class?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Sir, I have already answered that question. The Government was constrained to increase the number as a measure of temporary retrenchment.

Complaints against Gothuruthi School—particulars regarding.

187. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there were complaints against the Gothuruthi School from the Chennamangalam School recently;

(b) if so, what were the complaints; and

(c) what action was taken by the Director of Public Instruction in the matter?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) Admission of pupils in St. Sebastian's High School, Gothuruthi, by questionable methods.

(c) The Director visited the school, enquired into the alleged complaint and found it to be not true and issued orders accordingly.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—What do you mean by questionable means?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—The contention of the Headmaster of the Paliam school was that the pupils of the Gothuruthi school were not paying full fees, that they were not asked to pay full fees and therefore was acting against the code rules. In support of this it was stated that the management had no funds beyond the income from the fee and even if it is said that they were finding money by other means it was not true.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—Does the Government complain against the manager's giving remission of fees?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is simply a case of acceptance of competetive rate.

Aided Schools—additional classes—1110-1111—particulars regarding.

188. **Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty** *(Pazhangi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of additional divisions and new classes opened in the aided schools in the State with the sanction of the Government from Edavam 1110;

(b) of which how many have been aided at present?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—

(a) English Schools 19

Malayalam Schools 111

(These are the classes opened in the educational year beginning with Edavam 1110, i. e., 1110-1111).

(b) All the classes of English Schools have been aided.

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